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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-captioned application.

Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously filed.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed EEEEED

An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449, and references cited.

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Sir:

Prior to the first examination on the merits of the instant application, please enter the following amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please add new claims 14-17 as follows:

-- 14. A binding according to claim 1, further comprising a base plate for supporting the boot, said base plate including a surface extending along a plane, wherein at least one linkage of said at least one linkage is pivotal about a respective one of said journals to a position substantially contained in a plane parallel to said plane of said base plate.